

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Dear FCC Commissioners:

Due to illness I will not be able to attend your hearing in VA. I do wish to strongly request that you not authorize further consolidation/concentration of media ownership in the U.S. For 15 years I taught media analysis courses at Guilford College. One course was titled "Search for Truth, Media and Citizenship" another was "Media and Reality" When these courses were offered they were the first to fill during registration.

In developing and teaching the courses it became eminently clear to me that the U.S. democracy is greatly compromised by the severe narrowing of points of view to which citizens are exposed.

In my opinion what has happened to our once diverse and vibrant media in the US is a travesty.

Concentration of ownership has greatly diminished the market of ideas and as a democracy we are at great risk because of this.

Please use you position as a FCC Commissioner to prevent further erosion of the possibility that democracy might continue to exist in the US.

Worriedly,

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